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1. Thirty employees (about 10 per cent. of the total labor force) of the Teltow^{25X1} office of the Grosshandelskontor (GHK) Haushaltswaren (Wholesale Trade Office for Household Appliances), Oderstrasse, Teltow, were dismissed during the period between January and early March 1955.¹ The dismissals, which were announced at intervals, were apparently carried out to increase the profit of the enterprise. Although a few young men were discharged, most of those affected by the policy were workers with reduced capabilities, such as employees on pension (sic), disabled persons, aged workers, and women. The discharged persons are left destitute. Job vacancies are to be found only in the lower wage brackets, and the payment of unemployment compensation seem improbable.
2. An indirect increase of the norms is intended, and the planned turnover of goods is to be reached in spite of the diminished labor force. A quarterly bonus of 8 DME per person is being offered as a stimulus to fulfill the norms.

Comment: The alleged total of 300 employees at GHK Teltow appears to be exaggerated.

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